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LB 536, 620

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kremer, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR KREMER: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kremer, you suggested, but I want to see if you really grasped the significance of what you said. You suggested that you realize that under LB 536 there will be a multimillion dollar General Fund payout into LB 536. You're aware of that, right?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you know of any other company getting a direct subsidy from General Fund money?

SENATOR KREMER: No, I don't, not right offhand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So doesn't that make LB 536 a different kind of subsidy bill from LB 620?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, under LB 620, are there certain numbers of employees who have to be hired to get benefits under LB 620?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There are no requirements like that under LB 536, are there?

SENATOR KREMER: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So there are burdens placed on other companies that are not placed on these ethanol producers. Isn't that true?

SENATOR KREMER: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they got a leg up in terms of the kind of